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AUSTIN POLICE DETECTIVE SENTENCED IN FEDERAL CHILD PORN CASE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that this morning in Austin, Texas, Lance Boyce McConnell of Lockhart, Texas, was sentenced to 120 months in federal prison on child pornography charges.

Earlier this year, McConnell pled guilty to three counts of receipt of child pornography, two counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of transportation/transmittal of child pornography.

By pleading guilty, McConnell admitted that in October and December 2004, he knowingly downloaded from the Internet to his home computer numerous images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

On March 23, 2005, investigators with the Texas Attorney General's Office executed a search warrant at McConnell's address and seized four computers as well as other digital media. Forensic analysis of one of the computers resulted in the discovery of between 300 and 600 digital images and digital movie files depicting minor children under the age of eighteen engaged in sexual conduct.

"Those who possess and trade in child pornography commit a terrible crime, but the fact that the perpetrator in this case was a cop, shocks the conscience, stated U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton. "Today's sentence is proof positive that no one is above the law."

This case was investigated by the Texas Attorney General's Office - Cyber Crimes Unit. Special Assistant United States Attorney Grant Sparks is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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